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Tippecanoe River State Park 2013 Deer Reduction FACT Sheet

**Please direct question to 574-946-3213
Park office hours 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM M-F
We observe Eastern Standard Time.**



Important Note

We appreciate your willingness to help manage the impact from deer browsing. For this reduction to be effective, please harvest any deer that presents a safe and ethical shot (within established bag limits), especially those that are antlerless. Please make every effort to be present during the reduction. The number of hunters allowed at each park is strategically calculated. Your absence affects how successfully we reach our objective of a balanced ecosystem.

- Date/Time:** The 2013 Deer Reduction hunts will be conducted on ...
- Early Hunt: Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 18 & 19
 - Late Hunt: Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 2 & 3.
- The park will be closed to the general public starting at 8 p.m. the day before each hunt period through 8 a.m. on the day following each hunt period. In order to enter the park the day(s) of the hunt, you must show photo identification.
- Hunting Hours:** ½ hour before sunrise through 4 p.m. (EST). You may enter the park no earlier than 5:00 a.m. and must vacate the property by 6:30 p.m. each day. Campers must check in at gate before hunting.
- Open Houses:** For hunters drawn for Early Hunt there will be an open house from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 17. For hunters drawn for Late Hunt there will be an open house from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1.
- Attendance is not mandatory but will allow you to visit the park, ask questions and receive information. Park Personnel will be on hand to help in any way they can.
- Bag Limit:** During each reduction period for which you have been drawn you are allowed to take up to three deer, only one of which can be antlered. These deer do not count against your regular state deer hunting license or bag limit.
- Tagging:** Tags will only be issued at the Main Gate House when exiting the property. You may place your own temporary tag on deer in the field. It is not advisable to leave deer unattended in open view.
- Meat Handling:** You must take possession of all deer you harvest. Hunters wishing to donate deer to local food banks can go to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (<http://fhfh.org/Home.asp>) for a list of participating deer processors.
- Ground Blinds:** Ground blinds will not be allowed.

- Tree Stands:** Non-penetrating tree stands may be put up by those drawn for the hunts beginning at 8:00 A.M. on November 4 for the early hunt, and on November 25 for the late hunt. All stands must be removed on the last day of the hunt for each period.
- It is strongly recommended that you lock and label your tree stand
 - Use of a five point safety harness is highly recommended.
- Safety Zones:** SAFETY ZONES have been established and you may not enter these areas except to retrieve a deer. Loaded firearms are not permitted in safety zones. These areas are identified on the 2013 Deer Reduction Map and marked in the field with red and white striped flagging tape.
- Hunter Orange:** All participants must wear solid hunter orange hat or cap AND vest, coat, jacket or coveralls.
- Hunting Equipment:** Any firearm equipment listed as legal for deer hunting under Indiana Hunting Regulations may be used during deer reduction hunts at Tippecanoe River State Park.
- Alcoholic Beverages:** Absolutely no alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the park at any time. This also applies to hunters camping in the park.
- Substitutes:** You may not designate a substitute if you are unable to attend the hunt. Contact the property office and they will try to make arrangements to fill your position.
- Parking:** Park only in authorized areas while scouting. During the hunt hunters may park in parking lots and on park road ways. Please allow room for other vehicles to pass, do not park on or near curves, and keep at least 2 tires on the pavement.
- Retrieval:** You are responsible to retrieve your deer from the field. If you do need assistance, please notify park personnel and an effort will be made to provide assistance. Do not leave the property and trespass on private property in an attempt to retrieve a downed deer. Contact the check station, park personnel, or Law Enforcement personnel immediately.
- Field Dressing:** Please do not field dress deer in any mowed or public area. Please field dress deer at least 50 ft from any road, trail, or camping area and cover the entrails with leaf litter.
- Entrance:** You will be required to show photo ID upon entering the property each day of the hunt. You may only enter and exit from the main Park Entrance.
- Camping:** Overnight accommodations will be available for hunters only.
- Non-hunters are not permitted in the park at any time when it is closed to the public.
 - Hunters who choose to camp at Tippecanoe River will be restricted to the camping or cabin area during non-hunting hours.
 - The use of alcohol is prohibited while camping, while in cabins, and during the hunt.
 - Hunters who choose to camp are required to check in at the Main Gate House, no earlier than 5:00 am, prior to going into the field.

Campground (The modern restrooms and showers will be closed.)

An area has been set aside for hunters who wish to camp. The normal winter camping fee will be charged. Water, vault toilets, and electrical hookups will be available. Hunters who camp will be restricted to the camping area during non-hunting hours.

Rent-A-Camp Cabins (The modern restrooms and showers will be closed.)

The Rent-A-Camp Cabins will also be available to rent at normal rate. These cabins come with two sets of bunk beds, electric, and lights. Liquid fuel heaters are not permitted in cabins. There are only 12 cabins available.

Reservations: To reserve a cabin or campsite call the park Office at 574-946-3213 after drawing results are released.

Hunters With Disabilities: If you have a special hunting permit issued by the DNR for persons hunting with a physical impairment, you should call the park office before the hunt date so we can try to accommodate any special needs you may have.

Hunter Image: Please help leave a positive image of deer hunters for other park users by...

- Remove any flagging tape at the conclusion of your hunt.
- Pick-up all spent shells and other refuse.
- When leaving the property with harvested deer please cover them with a tarp or other suitable material.

Protesters: If you encounter any protesters, please do not talk with them or enter into any arguments. Contact property personnel and they will handle the matter.

Land owners: We work hard to be good neighbors and maintain a good working relationship with adjacent landowners to park property. Please be respectful and courteous to any individuals you may encounter and notify the park office of any conflict. Because property boundaries are difficult to determine on the east side of the river, hunting will not be permitted in this area.

Personal Note from the Property Manager

I would like to thank you for your participation in this year's deer reduction and I hope you will assist Tippecanoe River State Park in achieving our main objectives of safety for all involved and a reduction in our deer herd. There are a few things you can do to assist us in achieving these objectives:

1. Be a courteous, safe, and ethical hunter. Only take a shot if you are certain of a clean kill and the safety of you and other hunters can be assured.
2. Identify 2 or 3 different hunting locations. If your first option or two doesn't work out try another.
3. Do not drive around needlessly. Drive straight to your hunting location and park your vehicle. Road hunting is prohibited and you will be asked to leave.

If you follow these simple guidelines and the other rules listed above we can have a safe, successful, and enjoyable deer reduction for all involved.

Sincerely,
Vernon Gillum
Property Manager



